

Missouri Taxed on \$1,546,843.563.

Jefferson City.—Missouri's taxable wealth is \$1,546,843.563, taking the figures that have been passed upon estimating the corporation values very carefully. The exact figures on corporation property assessed by the state board of equalization will not be available for several weeks, but the figures given above are very close to the correct figure.

The increase this year on corporation property is estimated by the state auditor at \$6,000,000. The corporations were assessed last year at \$1,633,482,871. Most of the increase will fall upon steam railroads.

Real estate valuation is fixed at \$1,059,345,946 and personal property at \$318,014,746.

It is claimed that much Missouri revenue is lost because of personal property being withheld from taxation and the total of money, notes and bonds returned to the assessors is but \$87,204,183, seemingly bearing out the assertion. The banks are valued at \$70,219,166.

Town lots as well as agricultural land is taken in the real estate valuation. There are 42,633,375 acres of land in Missouri aside from city and town lots, valued at \$419,674,735. The agricultural land is worth on an average of \$9 an acre, and the town lots average \$90 each for taxable purposes.

A strange discrepancy in the valuations is that all classes of property except money, notes and negotiable securities are listed at from 15 to 75 per cent of their actual value, while these three are listed at their face valuation.

The assessors here give the live stock population of the state, classifying them according to their social condition.

Horses, number of, 856,139; \$29,854,191
Mules, 264,139 10,634,502
Asses and jennets, 9,701 5,553,575
Cattle, 2,081,541 24,918,306
Sheep, 1,085,118 1,889,829
Hogs, 2,599,006 6,069,593
All other live stock (goats) 27,068 111,100

The corporation assessment was divided as follows: Railroads, \$115,857,413; street railways, \$34,344,660; private cars, \$357,975; bridges, \$4,711,500; telegraph companies, \$2,558,408; telephone companies, \$5,652,294, making a total of \$163,482,871.

Claude Brooks is Hanged.

Kansas City.—Claude Brooks, aged 21, a negro, was hanged here for the murder of Sidney Herndon, a well-to-do real estate owner, formerly of Tyler, Tex., here, January 13, 1908. Herndon, a defenseless cripple, was killed in his room in a downtown apartment. His skull was crushed with a hammer, which was found lying near by. The murderer had stolen Herndon's pocketbook. Brooks, who was employed by Herndon as an elevator boy, had been befriended by the man he killed. The negro confessed.

Passenger Engine Burns on Track.

Springfield.—Engine No. 442, an oil-burner, attached to a Frisco passenger train, burned up at Nichols Junction, four miles west of here. J. Brown, the engineer, had the fireman uncouple the locomotive from the train, and ran it far enough away so that no damage was done to the train. No one was injured.

Lightning Kills Missouri Farmer.

Higginsville.—M. Bergmann, a wealthy farmer living ten miles southeast of here, was killed by a bolt of lightning while stacking hay. When the storm came up Mr. Bergmann remained on top of the stack, his hired man and a dog taking refuge under a load of hay beside the stack. The bolt that killed Mr. Bergmann also killed the dog and set fire to the hay. The hired man was only slightly stunned and succeeded in pulling Bergmann from the stack in time to prevent his cremation.

Gets Job; Meets Death.

Joplin.—Struck by a big interurban car on the Joplin and Pittsburg electric line, Fred Longton, 16 years old, who had just secured employment at a West Joplin mine, was instantly killed. Longton was headed for dinner and was to have been back to work in the afternoon. He heard a train passing on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas track, which parallels the trolley line, and as he glanced up the street the car struck him.

Killed by Rolling Log.

Montgomery City.—Fannie Church, aged 6, was killed and her little playmate, Rebecca Dyer, injured while playing on a large log near Apple. The girls mounted a log on a hillside. It rolled and caught the Church girl, crushing out her life, and also spraining an ankle of the Dyer girl.

Ninety-six and Ill for First Time.

Maryville.—William Huls, 96 years old, of Maryville, the oldest resident of Nodaway county in point of years, for the first time in his life is attended by a physician. Huls uses tobacco in limited quantities all his life.

Prison Breaker is Paroled.

Jefferson City.—Nate Bliss, convicted in Buchanan county in 1904 for forgery and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years, was released on a parole, issued by Governor Hadley.

Completes Appeal in Fare Case.

Jefferson City.—Attorney General Major and Special Counsel Fred W. Lehmann and Sanford B. Ladd, completed their assignment of errors in the appeals on behalf of the state from the decision of the federal court at Kansas City in the maximum freight rate and passenger fare laws.

Girl is Burned to Death.

Hannibal.—Alma, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elgin, while kindling a bonfire with papers, was fatally burned.

A CHERRY-BUD IN A FOREIGN HAND

A Japanese Love Story
By Adachi Kinnosuke
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Westward from the Cascade of Nunobiki, through the ever-shifting tracery-work of pines and wild azaleas, you can see, if you would climb a quarter of a mile, on a spring day, a stretch of land that looks more like a dream than the actual solid footstool of God.

That was her home; there we saw her. Her environment was common—her dress, her cottage, the people about her,—yes, the people especially. But all these common things, because of her, seemed to me as if I saw them on the canvas of Millet or Rembrandt. She was a part of the landscape, and if we say of the ensemble that it is just like a picture, I do not know whether the Higher Artist would take it as a compliment or not.

Describe her? Better ask me to poetry a dream. Her lips? Oh!—one folds his hands on his left side when he speaks of them.

Not satisfied with her success in this, her fair masterpiece, Nature placed her in the rustic surrounding to lighten all the charms of the girl through the touch of that potent magician called surprise. Yes, candidly, I was surprised, and so was Mr. Sidney White, who was with me. Mr. White is an American who has spent more years of his life in Paris and abroad than under the roof of his mother. He was an artist—an artist who, as he confided to me once, was trying his best to fall as much in love with a woman as he was with Art. Take my word for it, he had that something that goes into the making of a true artist, that all-absorbing something which made him turn a fool and a god; he had that idolatrous adoration for the beautiful; that contempt of everything common. In order to picture his meeting with the girl, you must fancy an artist facing Art made flesh and

Twice winter chained water; twice spring set it free and gave it song; twice chrysanthemums decked their little garden; and they fanned away two summers. They were too much in love to think of marriage—if that were possible.

Those were happy days for him—for her.

Then there came a little piece of paper into that studio—to that nest, to speak more correctly, of Art and a couple of spring buds. Upon that paper was a message that came from the other side of the world. Since the receipt of it Sidney White was never the same man. And poor O Tome only wondered. It was rude, to her Japanese way of thinking, to ask many things of a man, and then, if he loved her, he would tell her all she ought to know without her ever asking. So she was silent—sad, because he was sad.

"Come with me, O Tome-san," he said to her one morning.

"Where are we going?"

"I have found a nest for you. And I want to see if you like it or not."

And they walked up the hill side of Kobe City.

"You see, sweetheart," he explained to her, "I have always thought that you would like to have a cottage all your own. And I think I've found it. We'll furnish it as you like, and there you can do whatever you want. I will come and see you there very often, and we won't be bothered with people who come to my studio; for I am going to keep my studio as it is."

They saw the cottage, whose veranda laughed full-mouthed towards the entrance of the famous inland Sea of Japan.

O Tome was delighted with it. It was arranged that everything would be put in order within a week, and at the end of that time O Tome was to move into it.

"But why don't you move your studio, too?" I miss the pictures so much," she said to him, will have all the pictures you want. You see, I don't want any of my studio friends bothering us at the cottage."

It was about seventeen days since Sidney White received a cablegram stating that his parents would bring out his wife with them to join him in Japan, where he seemed to be making such a prolonged study. Sidney expected them seven days ahead. O Tome was to move to her new cottage four days hence.

She could speak English fluently now, and nothing charmed the artist as the honey words from her lips.

Her head nestled in his breast, her left arm around his neck, and the fingers of her right hand going astray in the maze of his hair, making the long, wavy locks ripple like the golden surface of a sunlit sea, she was murmuring:

"Dear, you have such pretty hair; it's like the halos of saints you paint."

There was the sound of many steps in the hall. The housemaid never allowed anyone to enter the studio without seeing if the artist were ready to receive a visitor. But this time the steps came steadily towards the door of the studio. Just as O Tome leaped off the lap of Sidney the door flew open.

There was a vigorous swish of a skirt.

"Sidney!" exclaimed a stronger voice than the dreamy melody of O Tome's throat. And he was lost behind the flutter and whirl of foreign millinery. A resounding kiss.

"Great Heaven, Kate!" gasped a husky voice.

"A sur prise party, my boy!" shouted his father in the doorway. "We did surprise you!—ha! ha! ha!"

Mrs. White released him at last. She turned round to signal the old people to follow her example. The slim figure of O Tome stopped her eyes. At once they flashed back at Sidney and found him ashy, all in a tremor. Something hard entered the blue of her laughing eyes.

"Pray, who is that, Sidney?" Her voice sounded like the breaking of an icicle.

Sidney was a human flame in an instant. He stammered.

"Husband, for Heaven's sake—" cried the lady, and then, turning to O Tome roughly: "Who are you?"

"I am just his model, madam," she said quietly in English with her head down. Mr. White wanted to paint me."

She walked out noiselessly.

That was the last time Sidney White saw O Tome. Yes, he is hunting for her now—over hunting. But I think he would find an insane asylum long before he would find O Tome.

No Atonement to the Dead.

There is no more pitiable being in the world than a man who, really loving, or really believing that he loved, yet inflicted upon the living—perhaps in the fire of anger, or perhaps in the froth of thoughtlessness—that for which he cannot ask the pardon of the dead. The hurt may have been slight, if you choose to call it so, but it takes on a mortal character, in the retrospect. There was a duel of natures or a war of words; there was an hour stained with red which has dyed the memory through and through; they who loved became as they who hated—and wounds slanted where carresses had been; and perhaps the dead forgot, but the living, God pity him! remembers.—Harper's Bazar.

Army Movable Kitchens.

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HONORS WERE WITH FARMER

Mail Carrier Must Have Realized That He Picked Out Wrong Man to Have Fun With.

The new mail carrier on the rural free delivery route glanced at the name on the letter box by the roadside, stopped his horse, and spoke to the roughly attired farmer with the old slouch hat, who was resting his sun-browned arms on the gate and looking at him.

"I see," he said, "your name is Holmes."

"Yes."

"Beverly G.?"

"Yes, I'm the man that lives here."

"Any relation of Sherlock Holmes?" gravely asked the carrier.

"No, sir," answered the farmer, "but I'm detective enough to know that you're not a very good judge of human nature. You took me for an ignoramus because I've got my old working duds on. I'm Sherlock Holmes enough to look at a man's face and eyes before I size him up as a—Some mail for me? Thanks."—Youth's Companion.

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THE WATER BITE.

He was six years old and had never gazed into the mystic lens of a microscope. Several slides containing animalcula had been displayed to his astonished vision. He was too amazed to make any comment until he came to one slide that seemed more wriggly than any of the others. It was merely a drop of water.

The little fellow gazed at it a long time, with all its nimble particles of animal life, and finally exclaimed to his mother:

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"Whenever she gets to thinking how much they're in debt it affects her nerves."

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"How singular?"

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"I'll see to it that your clothes fit you perfectly," replied the tailor.

"But that's what I'm in doubt about. Is it fashionable just now to have your clothes fit?"

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There will be no restrictions. Any man, woman or child belonging to the Association can enter. It will be open to every state in the Union. Professor Holden will judge the corn particularly on the basis of quality. The growing of more corn per acre is one object of the award, but the main purpose of the founder of the trophy is for

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Thoughtless Act of Little Eben That Reminded Sorrowful Widow of Her Loss.

Mr. Jefferson had not been altogether an exemplary husband and father, but he possessed certain engaging qualities which secured him many friends and made his death the cause of sincere mourning to his widow.

"Mis' Jefferson, she's done broke up over Ebner's being took off 'fr'm pneumonia," said one of the neighbors.

"She sutt'nly is," said another. "Mournin' round de house all de time, she goes. Why, day befo' yist'day I was thar helpin' her, an' she only stop cryin' once, an' dat was to spank little Eben for takin' m'lasses out'n de jug right into his mouf when her back was turned."

"When she spanked him good an' set him down, she say to me: 'He makes me t'ink ob his pa so much I c'n't bear it,' an' bis' right out cryin' agin."—Youth's Companion.

She—Yes, they are engaged. I know she refused him twice, but the third time he proposed she accepted him.

Her Husband—Served him right.

A City Clerk's Garden.

A city clerk never misses a chance of expatiating on his garden to his colleagues, who, however, were never taken home to see it, but were under the impression it was of enormous size. Five of them resolved to have a look at it, discovered his address, and called one Saturday afternoon to see the hundreds of roses all a-growing and a-blooming. On being taken to the rear of the house, judge of their surprise on seeing a back yard about 12 feet by ten feet. One bold spirit ventured that it was not very big.

"Big!" replied the proud owner, pointing to the sky. "Why, man, alive, look at the height of it!"—Chicago Daily Socialist.

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Mothers' Day in England.

Provincial England is smiling in a superior way at America's belated discovery that the country ought to celebrate mother's day. In the villages of Cornwall, Devonshire and Lancashire mothers' day has been a recognized institution for generations. It is celebrated on mid-Lent Sunday.

Not Her Fault.

"It is the duty of every man and woman to be married at the age of 32," said the lecturer.

"Well," said a woman of 30, with some asperity, "you needn't tell me that. Talk to the man."

Crop Growing on Small Scale.

A small holder in East Lexham is making an interesting experiment in barley growing upon his land to test the possibility of raising corn on a small scale. In 1907 he sowed 78 specially selected grains of barley, which yielded 400 ears. The resulting kernels he sowed in 1908 and harvested in 14 weeks, with the result that he got a bushel of threshed barley, which he has sown this year, his object being to show what can be done in cereal cultivation from very small beginnings.—London Standard.

Hopeless.

Tom—I tell you, old man, Miss Gable certainly has got a pile of money. Why don't you propose to her?

Dick—I've started to do it, several times.

Tom—What's the matter? Lose your courage?

Dick—No, but I'm never able to get a word in edgewise.—Catholic Standard and Times.

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